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CORRUGATED METAL TUBE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1 of the specification, after the title, please insert the following:

---CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

The present application asserts priority on Japanese Patent Application No.  
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